



## Patricia Reilly Giff: A Multnomah County Library Teacher Resource Guide

<http://www.multcolib.org/kids/lecture/giffguide.pdf>

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### Patricia Reilly Giff Bibliography: Materials Available at the Multnomah County Library

*Note: All titles are by Patricia Reilly Giff unless otherwise noted. Links will take you to the record for each item in the online library catalog.*

#### **Juvenile Novels**

[All the way home](#). New York: Delacorte, 2001. [j]

In 1941, circumstances bring together Brick, a boy from New York's apple country, and Mariel, a young girl made shy by her bout with polio, and the two make a journey from Brooklyn back to help Brick's elderly neighbors save their apple crop and to help Mariel learn about her past.

[Have you seen Hyacinth Macaw?](#). New York: Delacorte Press, 1981. [j]

Abby and her friend Patsie work on several mysteries: a mysterious new neighbor, a missing person, a theft, and the unusual actions of Abby's brother.

[A house of tailors](#). New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2004. [j GIFF]

When thirteen-year-old Dina emigrates from Germany to America in 1871, her only wish is to return home as soon as she can, but as the months pass and she survives a multitude of hardships living with her uncle and his young wife and baby, she finds herself thinking of Brooklyn as her home.

[Kidnap at the Catfish Cafe](#). New York: Viking, 1998. [j]

Assisted by her cat Max, sixth grader Minnie starts up her new detective agency by investigating a kidnapping and a thief who will steal anything, even a hot stove.

[Lily's crossing](#). New York: Delacorte, 1997. [j]

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

[Love, from the fifth grade celebrity](#). New York: Delacorte Press, 1986. [j]

Casey enjoyed Tracy's company during summer vacation but becomes increasingly jealous of her irrepressible new friend when she joins Casey's fifth-grade class.

[Maggie's door](#). New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2003. [j GIFF]

In the mid-1800s, Nory and her neighbor and friend, Sean, set out separately on a dangerous journey from famine-plagued Ireland, hoping to reach a better life in America.

[Mary Moon is missing](#). New York: Viking, 1998. [j]

Assisted by her cat Max and her friend Cash, Minnie tries to find Mary Moon, a valuable racing pigeon that has disappeared just before a big race.

[Matthew Jackson meets the wall](#). New York: Delacorte Press, 1990. [j]

Matthew's family's move from New York to Ohio is difficult enough as they leave behind good friends and memories, but the disappearance of their cat and a neighbor boy so tough he's called the "Wall" add to Matthew's anxieties.

[Nory Ryan's song](#). New York: Delacorte Press, 2000. [j GIFF]

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

[Pictures of Hollis Woods](#). New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2002. [j GIFF]

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

[Rat teeth](#). New York: Delacorte Press, 1984. [j]

Fifth-grader Cliffie feels that nothing has been right in his life since his parents got their divorce and his front teeth began growing out over his lower lip.

[Shark in school](#). New York, N.Y: Delacorte Press, 1994. [j]

When Matthew finds out from J.P., the weird girl next door, that their teacher loves to read, he worries that everyone at his new school will know he's a terrible reader.

[Tootsie Tanner, why don't you talk?](#). New York: Delacorte, 1987. [j]

Young detective Abby Jones catches several of her neighbors acting suspiciously as she pursues two interlocking cases of a runaway and a possibly dangerous spy.

### **Large-Type**

[Lily's crossing](#). Thorndike, ME: Thorndike Press, 2000. [LGE-TYPE j]

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### **Beginning Readers**

[Dance with Rosie](#). New York: Viking, 1996. [jE]

Rosie tries to make up with her former best friend and get into ballet class after the sign-up deadline.

[A glass slipper for Rosie](#). New York: Viking, 1997. [jE]

Rosie plans to surprise her grandfather on his birthday by getting her dance class to perform "Cinderella," his favorite ballet.

[Good luck, Ronald Morgan](#). New York: Viking, 1996. [jE]

Ronald Morgan needs lots of luck not only to train the dog which he just received for his birthday but also to win the friendship of his new neighbor.

[In the dinosaur's paw](#). New York: Delacorte Press, 1985. [jE]

When the kids in Ms. Rooney's class return to school after Christmas, one of them suspects he has found a magic ruler that makes wishes come true.

[Let's go, Philadelphia!](#). New York: Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, 1998.

[jE]

The kids in Ms. Rooney's class are off to tour Philadelphia. It's going to be a great trip, except that Mrs. Miller the Killer, the substitute teacher is coming along.

[Not-so-perfect Rosie](#). New York: Viking, 1997. [jE]

A visit from her Irish cousin during Rosie's plans for a special ballet performance proves that not everyone is perfect.

[Ronald Morgan goes to camp](#). New York: Viking, 1995. [jE]

Ronald Morgan is afraid he won't get a medal at camp because he's not especially good at swimming or running or singing, but on Medal Day he discovers what he is really good at.

[Rosie's big city ballet](#). New York: Viking, 1998. [jE]

When Rosie sets her heart on being selected for a part in Miss Deidre's summer ballet performance, she has no idea that she may be chosen for something even better.

[Rosie's Nutcracker dreams](#). New York: Viking, 1996. [jE]

A clash with her rival may end Rosie's dream of playing the leading role in her ballet class's production of the Nutcracker.

[Starring Rosie](#). New York: Viking, 1997. [jE]

Rosie volunteers to provide the prince and the props for her ballet class production of Sleeping Beauty.

[Watch out, Ronald Morgan!](#). New York, N.Y: Viking Kestrel, 1985. [jE]

Ronald has many humorous mishaps until he gets a pair of eyeglasses. Includes a note for adults about children's eye problems. (should this be easy reader?)

[Write up a storm with the Polk Street School](#). New York: Dell, 1993. [jE]

Did you ever want to write your own book? Patricia Reilly Giff tells you just what to do.

### **Audio and Book Set**

[The candy corn contest](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1984.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Richard determines to win the Thanksgiving candy corn contest by guessing the correct number of candies in the jar, but before he realizes what he's done, he eats three big pieces. What will the teacher do when she finds out?

[December secrets](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1985.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Each student in Ms. Rooney's room celebrates the December holidays by being a secret pal to a classmate.

[Fish face](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1984. [CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Emily has trouble becoming friends with the new girl, Dawn, after Dawn beats her at running and steals her toy unicorn.

[In the dinosaur's paw](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1985.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

When the kids in Ms. Rooney's class return to school after Christmas, one of them suspects he has found a magic ruler that makes wishes come true.

[Lazy lions, lucky lambs](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1985.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

March is the worst month for Richard Best; it's report card time, and if he doesn't get good grades, he might be left back again.

[The mystery of the blue ring](#). Old Greenwich, Conn.: Listening Library, p1991.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Emily Arrow's blue ring is missing and everyone thinks Dawn Bosco stole it. Can Dawn find the thief and clear her name?

[Pickle puss](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1987. [CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Emily Arrow determines to get the most fish in the library's Fish for a Good Book contest but she doesn't take into account the equal determination of Dawn Bosco.

[The powder puff puzzle](#). Old Greenwich, Conn.: Listening Library, p1992.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Dawn Bosco cat Powder Puff jumps out of her arms and into a car. Dawn searches for her cat, but her only clues are a jelly cookie, part of a license plate number, and a long pole.

[Purple climbing days](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1985.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

With the help of the meanest substitute teacher in the whole school, Richard "Beast" Best learns a lesson about fear.

[The riddle of the red purse](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1992.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Dawn Bosco finds a shiny red purse on the school yard. The shopping list inside includes the item "food for angel" and Dawn sets out to solve another mystery.

[Say "cheese"](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1985. [CASSETTE Children GIFF]

At the end of the school year, Emily remembers how much fun she had with her friends.

[The secret at the Polk Street School](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1992.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Dawn knows detectives aren't supposed to be afraid, but even she shivers when she finds a mysterious message in her pocket.

[Snaggle doodles](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1985.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Emily Arrow has two problems, trying to work in her invention group, with bossy Linda Lorca in charge and thinking of a wedding present for Ms. Vincent, the student teacher.

[Sunny side up](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1987.

[CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Summer for Richard Best, nicknamed Beast, means facing the two ordeals of summer school and losing his best friend, who is moving to a distant state.

[Today was a terrible day](#). Viking Penguin, p1988. [CASSETTE Children GIFF]

Follows the mishaps of a second grader who is learning to read.

[The Valentine star](#). Old Greenwich, CT: Listening Library, p1985. [CASSETTE Children GIFF]

As Valentine's Day approaches, and her class becomes busy making cards, Emily is worried about her fight with Sherri, who tells her, "You'll be sorry."

### **Audio**

[Lily's crossing](#). Prince Frederick, Md: Recorded Books, p1997. [CASSETTE Children GIFF]

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[Maggie's door](#). Library ed. New York: Random House Listening Library, p2003.

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### **Plays**

[The Signet book of short plays](#). New York: Signet Classics, 2004. [812.041 S578 2004]

A new collection: 12 short plays by Patricia Reilly Giff, Tennessee Williams, Horton Foote, and more.

[Show time at the Polk Street School: plays you can do yourself or in the classroom](#). New York, N.Y: Delacorte Press, 1992. [j812.5 G456s]

Three plays featuring the students in Ms. Rooney's class: "The Candy Corn Contest," "The Secret at Polk Street School," and "Fancy Feet."

### **Biography and Nonfiction**

[Laura Ingalls Wilder: growing up in the little house](#). New York, N.Y., U.S.A: Viking Kestrel, 1987. [jB-W673g]

A biography of the author of the "Little House" books, including the years of her marriage to Almanzo Wilder.

### **Video**

[A talk with Patricia Reilly Giff](#). Scarborough, NY: Tim Podell Productions, 1996.

[VIDEO j813.5 TALK]

Patricia Reilly Giff talks about her inspirations and shares some of her favorite writing spots. She reads from her work and takes the viewer into her own bookstore.

## **Patricia Reilly Giff Webliography (General Sites)**

### **Author Spotlight: Patricia Reilly Giff**

<http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/authors/results.pperl?authorid=10018>

This site from Random House has a very short biography and a partial list of Giff's books.

**BookPage Interview: November 2004 Patricia Reilly Giff**

[http://www.bookpage.com/0411bp/patricia\\_reilly\\_giff.html](http://www.bookpage.com/0411bp/patricia_reilly_giff.html)

Patricia Reilly Giff talks about her latest book, *A House of Tailors*, and how she weaves family tales into historical fiction.

**Kids@Random Author Spotlight: Patricia Reilly Giff**

[http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/author/results\\_spotlight.pperl?authorid=10018](http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/author/results_spotlight.pperl?authorid=10018)

Similar to the Random House Author Spotlight, but aimed at students.

**KidsReads.com: Patricia Reilly Giff**

<http://www.kidsreads.com/authors/au-giff-patricia-reilly.asp>

Interview with Patricia Reilly Giff and an author talk about writing *Maggie's Door*.

**Meet Authors and Illustrators: Patricia Reilly Giff**

[http://www.childrenslit.com/f\\_giff.html](http://www.childrenslit.com/f_giff.html)

Biographical information, and links to information about Irish American immigration.

**Patricia Reilly Giff: the two-time Newbery Honor-winning author**

<http://www.randomhouse.com/features/patriciareillygiff/>

Get the latest on Patricia Reilly Giff – upcoming events, books, and teacher resources.

**Patricia Reilly Giff: “Why I write for children”**

[http://www.cbcbooks.org/html/patricia\\_reilly\\_giff.html](http://www.cbcbooks.org/html/patricia_reilly_giff.html)

A short essay about why Ms. Giff writes books for children.

## **Patricia Reilly Giff Book Discussion Guides**

***All the Way Home* by Patricia Reilly Giff**

<http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=0440411823&view=tg>

This teacher's guide includes questions for group discussion under “Thematic Connections.”

***Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Reilly Giff**

<http://www.multcolib.org/talk/guides-lily.html>

This discussion guide from the Multnomah County Library Talk It Up! Program has a book summary, discussion questions, links to related websites and more.

***Maggie's Door* by Patricia Reilly Giff**

<http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=0385326580&view=tg>

This teacher's guide includes questions for group discussion under “Discussion and Writing.”

***Nory Ryan's Song* by Patricia Reilly Giff**

<http://www.multcolib.org/talk/guides-nory.html>

This discussion guide from the Multnomah County Library Talk It Up! Program has a book summary, discussion questions, links to related websites and more.

***Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff**

<http://www.multcolib.org/talk/guides-pictures.html>

This discussion guide from the Multnomah County Library Talk It Up! Program has a book summary, discussion questions, links to related websites and more.

**Patricia Reilly Giff Lesson Plans**

**Patricia Reilly Giff Teacher Resource File**

<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/giff.htm>

Includes biography, lesson plans, bibliography and ERIC resources.

**All the Way Home**

***All the Way Home* by Patricia Reilly Giff**

<http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=0440411823&view=tg>

Teacher's guide with summary of book, teaching ideas, and links to further information.

**Happy Birthday, Ronald Morgan**

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<http://www.eduplace.com/tview/tviews/h/happybirthdayronaldmorgan.html>

Lesson plan for grade 2 focusing on holidays/celebrations.

**A House of Tailors**

***Lower Eastside Tenement Museum Virtual Tour***

[http://www.tenement.org/Virtual\\_Tour/index\\_virtual.html](http://www.tenement.org/Virtual_Tour/index_virtual.html)

See the inside of a tenement apartment like the one in which Dina's uncle lived. In the 1870s (Gumpertz apartment), it was a German house of tailors!

***German Immigration***

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpedu/features/immig/german.html>

Overview of German immigration to America, including urban life of immigrants.

**Lily's Crossing**

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<http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=0385321422&view=tg>

Teacher's guide with summary of book, teaching ideas, and links to further information.

**Literature Learning Ladders: *Lily's Crossing***

<http://eduscapes.com/newbery/98c.html>

Lesson plan for gr. 4-7. Includes links to aspects of World War II like victory gardens, rationing, and candy bars.

## **Nory Ryan's Song**

### *Nory Ryan's Song*

<http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=0440418291&view=tg>

Teacher's guide with summary of book, teaching ideas, and links to further information.

## **Maggie's Door**

### *Maggie's Door*

<http://www.kidsreads.com/authors/au-giff-patricia-reilly.asp>

Read an interview with Patricia Reilly Giff, get some fun facts, and learn why she wrote

*Maggie's Door*.

## **Irish-Catholic Immigration to America**

<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/immig/irish2.html>

Overview of Irish Catholic immigration to America, with photographs and maps.

## **Pictures of Hollis Woods**

### *Pictures of Hollis Woods*

<http://www.randomhouse.com/teachers/catalog/display.pperl?isbn=0385326556&view=tg>

Teacher's guide with summary of book, teaching ideas, and links to further information.

## **How to Find Articles about Patricia Reilly Giff in Multnomah County Library Databases**

### **To find articles in the MasterFILE Premier database:**

- Go to the Multnomah County Library Homework Center ([www.multcolib.org/homework/index.html](http://www.multcolib.org/homework/index.html)).
- Click on the Library Databases link near the top of the page.
- Scroll down to the -M- section and click on the purple library card icon next to the words MasterFILE Premier.
- Type in your entire Multnomah County Library card number when prompted.
- At the search screen, click on the Subjects button near the top.
- Type **Giff, Patricia Reilly** in the "Browse for:" box.
- Click on the Browse button.
- Click on either Periodical References (to view articles about Giff) or Review References (to view book reviews).
- Look for the words HTML full text or PDF full text at the end of each citation. Click on either of these to read the article on your screen.

### Sample articles:

Sommers, Tiffany. "Gifts from Giff's Heart." *Time for Kids*, 9/26/2003, Vol. 9, Issue 3, p6.  
Abstract: Features Patricia Reilly Giff, author of several children's books, such as "Maggie's Door."

"Best New Books of the Year." *World Almanac for Kids*, 2004, p43.  
Abstract: Reviews various books for children and young adults. "Crispin: The Cross of Lead," by Avi; "Hoot," by Carl Hiaasen; "My Friend Rabbit," by Eric Rohmann; "Noah's Ark," by Jerry Pinkney; "Pictures of Hollis Woods," by Patricia Reilly Giff; "Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman," by Nikki Grimes; illustrated by E.B. Lewis.

### **To find information in the Literature Resource Center database:**

- Go to the Multnomah County Library Homework Center ([www.multcolib.org/homework/index.html](http://www.multcolib.org/homework/index.html)).
- Click on the Library Databases link near the top of the page.
- Scroll down to the -H-L- section and click on the purple library card icon next to the words Literature Resource Center.
- Type in your entire Multnomah County Library card number when prompted.
- In the Author Search box, type **Giff, Patricia Reilly**.
- Click on the Search button.
- At the next screen, choose one of the tabs to view the type of article you need (biography, literary criticism, bibliography, etc).

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